

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A fluid collection apparatus comprising:

a housing configured for receipt of fluid and having a first surface which defines a

5 needleless first mating portion; and

a holder having a first end and a second end configured to receive an evacuated tube, the  
first end defining a second mating portion on an outer surface thereof which is in fluid  
communication with the evacuated tube,

wherein the first mating portion sealingly engages the second mating portion to establish

10 fluid communication therebetween; and

a base disposed with the housing and being configured for support thereof.

2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said base has a top opening adapted for

receiving said housing.

3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said base is adapted for standing on a surface.

15 4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said base is configured to enclose said holder.

5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said housing has a flange portion extending  
radially therefrom that engages said base.

6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said base defines at least one rib, the rib  
defining a step for supporting said housing.

7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said base defines a plurality of ribs, the ribs each defining a step for supporting said housing.

8. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said base is configured to enclose said housing, said holder and an evacuated tube installed in said holder.

5 9. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said base includes a plurality of sidewall extensions, the sidewall extensions being separated by cutout portions.

10. The apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a removable cap, the cap being adapted to removably enclose an opening of the housing.

11. The apparatus according to claim 10 wherein said removable cap is adapted to 10 provide a fluid seal with said housing.

12. The apparatus according to claim 10 wherein said removable cap includes a finger grip.

13. A fluid collection apparatus comprising:

a housing defining a cavity and being configured for receipt of fluid; and

15 a holder having a first end and a second end configured to receive an evacuated tube, the first end including a port that establishes fluid communication between the evacuated tube and the cavity of the housing, the housing including a removable cap that is adapted to removably enclose an opening of the housing.

14. The apparatus according to claim 13 wherein said removable cap is adapted to provide a fluid seal with said housing.

15. The apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising a base disposed with the housing and being configured for support thereof.

5 16. The apparatus according to claim 13 wherein the housing defines a well portion disposed adjacent the port of the holder.

17. The fluid collection apparatus according to claim 15 wherein said well portion includes a bottom wall of the housing, the bottom wall being sloped downward to define said well portion.

10 18. The fluid collection apparatus according to claim 15 wherein said port includes a needle cannula configured for disposal within said evacuated tube.

19. The fluid collection apparatus according to claim 15 wherein said removable cap includes a plurality of snap arms adapted for engaging said housing.

20. A fluid collection apparatus comprising:

15 a housing defining a first chamber and being configured for receipt of fluid; and

a holder defining a second chamber configured to receive a collection device having a port, the first chamber being in fluid communication with the second chamber via a passageway; and

a removable cap that is adapted to removably enclose an opening of the housing and an opening of the holder.

21. The fluid collection apparatus according to claim 20 wherein said removable cap includes a first cover that encloses the opening of the housing and a second cover that encloses  
5 the opening of the holder.

22. The fluid collection apparatus according to claim 21 wherein the first cover and the second cover are hingedly connected.

23. The fluid collection apparatus according to claim 20 wherein a bottom wall of the housing has a sloped configuration.

10 24. The fluid collection apparatus according to claim 15 wherein the housing and the holder are monolithically formed.

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